

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicants' attorney, Jonathan E. Sparks, on October 1, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows: The second occurring claim 53 has been renumbered as claim 54.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: See the arguments presented in applicants' latest amendment.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

/Bruce H Hess/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1794